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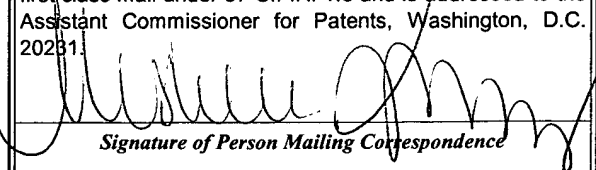
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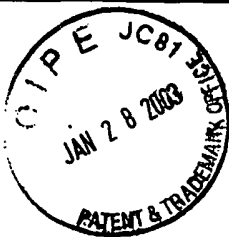
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In response to the Office Action dated October 24, 2002, applicants submit the following amendments and remarks for entry of record in the above-identified patent application.

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**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend Page 12, lines 1-15, as follows:

b' --Next, as shown in Fig. 2E, the structure thus formed is planarized down to the surface of the substrate utilizing a conventional planarization process such as chemical-mechanical

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